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SUBJECT: HAWK FINANCING PROBLEM

REF: STATE 020859

1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BOTH RIFAI AND KING TODAY ABOUT HAWK FINANCING PROBLEM. RIFAI SAID KING WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE NEWS AND FELT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME CONJUNCTION BETWEEN OUR VETO IN THE UN, OUR LEADNING HEAVILY ON JORDANIANS ON HAWK, RABIN'S VISIT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER UNCONNECTED ITEMS.

2. I ASSURED BOTH KING AND RIFAI IN TERMS OF DEPARTMENT'S 020859 THAT NOTHING WAS FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. I ALSO TOLD RIFAI, WITH WHOM I HAD A SOMEWHAT LONGER CHAT, AND IN QUICK TERMS THE KING, THAT TRAINING WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT WE WOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL LEEWAY.

3. RIFAI TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT KING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WAS ON VERGE OF CALLING THEIR MILITARY DELEGATION NOW SECRETLY IN MOSCOW TO LOOK AT HELICOPTERS TO ASK THEM ALSO TO LOOK AT AIR DEFENSE MISSILES. RIFAI SAID HE SUCCESSFULLY TALKED KING OUT OF THAT STEP.

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RM KING HAS JUST BEEN TOUCH WITH ME ON NEW SUBJECT.
HE SAYS THEY HAVE JUST HAD WORD FROM THEIR EMBASSY
IN BAGHDAD THAT CITY IS FULL OF TROOPS AND THERE ARE HELI-
COPTERS IN THE AIR OVER THE CITY. JORDANIAN EMBASSY BAGHDAD
ALSO REPORTED THERE WAS INTERMITTENT FIRING TWO DAYS AGO.
THEY ARE IN DOUBT ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON AND ASKED US
FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. GRATEFUL FOR ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION ON ABOVE SUBJECT. KING AND I HAVE
ARRANGED TO GET TOGETHER TOMORROW FOR A LONGER TALK.
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